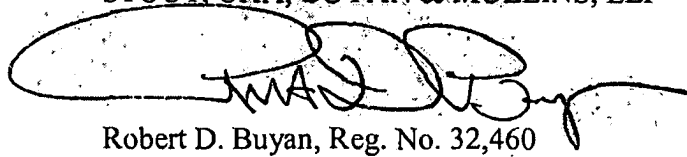


REMARKS

Please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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